

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 748

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John P. Simpson
on the celebration of their 50th wedding
anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate
milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 1948, John and Dorothy Simpson were joined in holy
matrimony, and since that fateful day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's
journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Simpson are residents of Shelby County and have been highly
respected citizens of the Raleigh community for over 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson is a minister who began preaching full-time in 1952; he served
with distinction for 15 years in Arkansas, prior to coming to Tennessee in 1969; and

WHEREAS, he served with devotion as minister of the Jackson Avenue Church of Christ
for three years, at the East Frayser Church of Christ for 13 glorious years, at the Park Avenue
Church of Christ for three years, and is currently a full-time evangelist at the Raleigh church of
Christ, having served in that important capacity since 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have done evangelism and missionary work in the
United States, Canada, South America and Japan; she has also served with compassion on the
board at Agape Child and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, a certified counselor and family therapist, Dr. Simpson has served on the
Advisory Board of Harding Academy since 1973, was president of the Alumni Association of

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Harding's Graduate School of Religion, and was an instructor at Freed-Hardeman University and Magnolia Bible College in Mississippi; he is currently a development officer at Harding Academy's Graduate School of Religion; and

WHEREAS, the Simpsons are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced three children, each of whom has made his or her mark on the world and is highly successful in their own right; Simpson children are Mrs. Anita Gilbow, Mrs. Janell McCorkle and Ms. Carolyn Simpson; and

WHEREAS, the Simpsons are delighted to be called Grandpa and Grandma by their seven grandchildren, Mrs. Kim Wooldrige, Paul Gilbow, Mrs. Nicole Brousseau, Michael Gilbow, Ryan McCorkle, Megan McCorkle and Sarah McCorkle; and one great-grandchild, Quintin Brousseau; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John P. Simpson as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.